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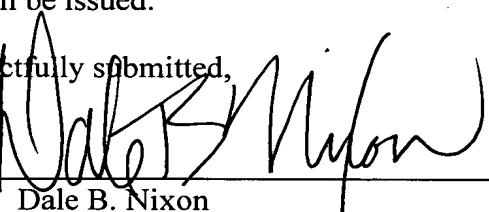
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Although this application was filed on January 11, 2002, the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database indicates that as of June 24, 2004, a first Office Action has not been issued for this case.

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